Probate Office



"I WILL HAVE MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE." Matthew 12:1-14.-- May 1.

"But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless."-V. 7.

ABBATH observance is the essence of this study. Reasonable people, regardless of their religious convictions, are ready to admit the wisdom, the expediency, yes, the necessity, for a Sabbath day, a rest day once a week. Whatever disputes there are on the subject, therefore, pertain to which day shall be observed and to the manner of the observance. When, through Moses as Mediator, God adopted the nation of Israel as his peculiar people, accepting them into Covenant relationship through their promised obedience to the Law, he fixed for them a special day of the week, the seventh, to be their Sabbath, or day of rest. This Law specially appertained to Palestine. Had it extended beyond, to encompass the whole earth, it would have been necessary for the Law to specify which day should be considered the Sabbath on the other side of the earth, where the time would, of course, be twenty-four hours different.

But those of us who are not Jews by nature and not under that Law this kind, so long trained and associ Covenant are not bound by its limitation that the Sabbath should be on the seventh day of the week. Indeed, neither Jesus nor the Apostles ever placed the Gospel Church under the Law Covenant at all. They tell us that those under it were the "house of servants" in bondage and that we are the "house of sons," if we "stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us

This does not mean liberty or freedom to do wrong. But since Christians are not limited to the land of Palestine, it leaves us free to follow the packs. Quite recently an Eskimo, with spirit of the Law rather than its letter. This is true of the entire Ten Commandments, as well as of the Fourth. The Heavenly Father does not address his spirit-begotten children with commandments not to kill, not to steal, etc., because such commandments to them would be unnecessary. Begotten of the holy Spirit, they love God and reverence him alone, and would not think of homaging images, nor of profaning the Holy Name, nor of doing injury to a neighbor or a brother. On the contrary, their love for God would lead them to honor his Name, to serve his Cause. And their love for their neighbor as for themselves would prompt them to render him service-"doing good unto all men as we have opportunity, especially to the household of faith." (Gal. 6:10.) This love, the Apostle assures us, is the fulfillment of the Law, so far us we are concerned-the fulfilling of the spirit of the Law-for "ye are not under the Law (Covenant), but under [the] Grace (Covenant)."-Rom. 6:14; Gal 3:29.

The Jews had a system of Sabbath Days and Sabbath Years-the Seventh Day and the $(7 \times 7 + 1 = 50)$ Fiftleth Day, or Day of Pentecost. And they had a system of year Sabbaths, the Seventh Year and the $(7 \times 7 + 1 = 50)$ Fiftieth Year, or Year of Jubilee. These were typical, as the Apostle explains, and true Christians may enjoy the antitypes. Thus to us the Seventh Day represents a Rest of a higher character than that of the Law-a rest of faith, as instead of a physical rest. "We who believe do enter into his rest"a faith rest based upon our acceptance of Jesus as our satisfaction before God. The fulness of this rest we attain when we receive the begetting of the holy Spirit. And this was typified by the sending of the holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Similarly Israel's Sabbatic Year of Jubilee has its antitype in the great Millennial Age of Rest. (Acts 3:20.) But we leave the discussion of this for a more convenient season.

The Great Teacher as a Jew was as much under the obligations of every feature of the Law Covenant as any other Jew. We may be sure that he did not violate any feature of it. He was obligated to keep the letter of it in a sense and degree which he has not commanded us, his followers. It is ours merely to keep the spirit of it. Hence if we were living in Palestine neither the Seventh Day nor any other particular day of the week would be obligatory upon us. But it would be our pleasure to maintain the spirit of the Jewish naw. Acting along the lines of this liberty, the early Church began to meet on the First Day of the week, because it was on that day that their Redeemer arose from the dead. On that day he appeared to some in the upper room and to two on the way to Emmaus and to Mary, and subsequently to others of the disciples near the tomb. These four manifestations of the Lord's resurrection marked that day in a special sense as a holy day to the early Church. They waited during an entire week and then again he appeared on the first day of the week. Indeed, so far as we may know, all of his eight appearances to his followers after his resurrection were on the first day of the week. No wonder, then, it became known to them as the Lord's Day. No wonder if they specially associated with that Day all the blessings of God and a rest of faith which came to them through the Redeemer. Quite probably those who lived in Jewish communities would continue to observe the Seventh Day ale because its general observance would make this a necessity. But the First Day of the week became the general time for the Lord's followers to assemble themselves and to partake of a simple meal called breaking of bread (not the Lord's Supper) in commemoration of the fact that on the day of his resurrection Jesus manifested himself to his followers in the breaking of bread.

But we are not to understand from the present study that the Master reproved the Jews for keeping the Seventh Day, which was their duty. His reproofs attach to certain extremes. The Pharisees exaggerated some features and entirely overestimated other features of the Law. In their theory there was no harm in eating the corn on the Sabbath Day, but to pull an ear of it they construed to be reaping. And to rub it out of the chaff they considered to be threshing and winnowing. Similarly, to scratch or look for a flea was estimated to be hunting, and thus God's reasonable Law was made to appear absurd. It was such absurdities only that Jesus combatted. He showed that one had a right to satisfy his hunger, and cited a case where the Prophet David had done so without blame. He cited also the fact that the priests labored on the Sabbath Day without blame. He explained that God was desirous of seeing in his creatures the quality of mercy towards one another, rather than merely the sacrificing of their comforts. Had they recognized this Truth they would not have found fault with the Apostles

Then, as though to demonstrate his position, he healed a man who had a withered hand, also demonstrating by his miracle that he had the Divine favor and that his teaching on the subject had this evidence of its truthfulness. He pointed out the inconsistency of his critics, saying that since they would relieve one of their brute beasts, if he fell into a pit on the Sabbath, they would see, therefore, how illogical was their position in objecting to his per forming cures of human ills on the Sabbath Day. But the evil heart is not amenable to reason. The very fact that he demonstrated his teachings to be superior to theirs excited the Pharisees to envy, malice, hatred, and the very spirit of murder. Thus they evidenced that they lacked the quality of mercy. love, which God would specially approve, and without which we cannot be his children. Sacrifice is right in its place, but mercy more particularly in dicates the acceptable condition of the heart. Quite probably Jesus did so many of his miracles on the Sabbath Day as a type-as a prophetical picture of the great fact that the antitypical day, the great Sabbath Day, will be the Seventh Thousand Year period, the Millennium,

Curious facts have come to light concerning the island of Sakhalin, off the eastern coast of Siberia, Cold winds and sea currents circulate around it, and their effect appears to produce on the island a reversal of the ordinary course of nature respecting the arrangement of temperature. Usuand coldest on highlands and mountains, but in Sakhalin the coldest air is found near the sea, and there the plants are of an arctic character, while in the lofty interior of the island the climate is mild, and even subtropical plants flourish on the heights.

Kindness to Teacher.

"Jimmy," said the fond mother to listen!"-Cleveland Leader, her smart nine-year-old, "what became of that fruit cake I made for you as a treat yesterday? Did you eat it?"

with a grin; "I gave it to the teacher

.instead.' "That was very nice and generous of you, Jimmy," complimented his mother. "And did your teacher eat

"Yes; I think so," answered Jimmy. "She wasn't at school today."

Hard Luck. "What is 'hard luck?" 'A combination of laziness and bad judgment."-Cleveland Leader.

"Now, then, children," said the teacher, "what is it we want most in ally the air is warmest near sea level this world to make us perfectly hap-

> "The things we ain't got!" shouted the bright boy in the back seat.

Infatuated. "Likes to hear himself talk, doesn't

"Does he? Say, If he talked in his sleep he'd stay awake all night to

The Jail.

"I am going to visit the jail. There "No, mamma," answered Jimmy, is a man I want to see there." "Is one all? I know about forty whom I should like to see there."-Indianapolis News.

> Each one sees what ne carries in his heart .- Goethe.

FIERCE ESKIMO DOGS,

They Retain Their Wild Nature Despite Long Training.

AS SAVAGE AS THE WOLVES.

And Like Their Ferocious Congenera They Always Hunt In Packs-instances in Labrador Where They Have Devoured Human Beings.

There undoubtedly is an affinity be For generations the dog has been winter. The Hudson Bay company's agents and the settlers on the coast of Labrador vie with each other in getting together splendid teams. One naturally suppose that dogs of application has a great deal to do with ated with men, would become more or less demosticated and lose their original savage character. It is, however,

pure, unmittgated savage. Like his congener, the wolf, he always bunts in his wife and child, was making a journey with his team to a nearby settlement. On his way the driver became ill and weak and quite unable to conthem and devoured the whole family.

An old resident at Labrador told in that one winter's evening he was sitting reading when be heard a furious like eight miles a second. barking among his dogs outside. kimo woman was coming to the house for medicine for her sick child. She morning told the tale of her tragle

bring home these Pokimo dors from Labrador. They invariably turn out or more sheep in one night, all below found with their throats torn, but no one eaten. It is simply the savage tas for blood. The early settlers in New foundland found the great timbe wolves a terrible post. They killed their sheep and entile and sometime were continually obused and kills but still they increased. A handso

tually brought about their extirpation been trained and domesticated by mafor countless generations, but they still retain this instinct of the pack. soon as the team moves all the rein deer start off; nothing can stop them a very striking libratration of how an artificial character can be given to the dog and a special characteristic flends implanted in a breed and retained for centuries. It is, however, purely artificial and is easily lost. For instance, setters and pointers kept by ladles as pets and not trained lose the instinct to point. The untrained breed within a generation lose it altogether. Every sportsman knows that the young ones are very easily trained and point naturally. I have seen setter pups only six weeks old setting at files.

The instinct for retrieving is perpetuated in no breed so strongly as the real Newfoundland dog, the fisherman's friend and constant companion and the most splendld of all retrievers courage is the story of a Newfound. 50 (cats of our money, land settler, George Harvey, how with saved 163 lives in 1832. In the autumn dence at Isle any Moris, Harvey heard the signals of distress and immediately launched his boat. His only help was a boy of twelve, his girl, sixteen years old, and his dog. To get close to the doomed ship in such a sea was to court destruction. Harvey's dog understood what was required of blue He swam toward the ship. The seas overwhelmed him and drove him back, but finally he came near enough. The sailors threw him a rope, which he caught with his teeth. At league got back to Harvey's boat almost dead from exhaustion, but with the rope's end firmly elinehed in his teeth. Communica tion between the boat and the slilp was then established, and with care nd the most laborious efforts every out was saved, - Judge Prowse in London Standardz

The "Gold Snake."

A Mexican superstition, very common among miners in that country, relates to the "gold snake." This specles of serpent is perfectly harmless and very handsome, being green in color and with a golden iridescence in its scales. Faith is entertained that wherever a gold snake makes its nest there is a ledge containing the precious metal, and there are many miners who will locate a claim at once if they find dear?"

The power of applying attention to a single subject is the sure mark of a superior genius.-Chesterfield.

THE SPEED OF NO RETURN.

Velocity a Body Must Have to Leave Earth and Never Come Back.

There are a great many odd terms in science none of which has a title so weird as the speed of no return. This means the velocity a body must have in leaving the earth in order for it never to come back. It has been accurately worked out and is found to be Mme, Olga Norikoff" as having lasted about seven miles a second. Now, though this speed has never been obtained by artificial means on the earth, still it is interesting to note the theory as regards the further actions of the body. It would continue outward in a curved line until it was controlled by balancing forces, mainly the earth, moon and sun, in such a way as to trained by the Eskimos, chiefly by the make it have an orbit of its own. So women, and thught to hand a sledge in it would go on revolving forever just as any other planet.

Although this speed has never been obtained by artificial means, it is application has a great deal to do with animal life on our planet. As is well known, it is a pet theory of the scientists that the earth is losing its atmosphere, just as the moon has already lost hers, on account of the wonderful vibrational speed of the molecules of a gas. Hydrogen gas is known to have a molecular velocity of over the necessary amount, and it is a startling proof of the theory that no free hydrogen is found in our atmosphere. The heory is that this gas on being set free rises on account of its lightness and when it gets to the outside edge of our ocean of air is left behind on one of its jumps, the earth going forward at a great rate itself, something

As the earth gradually lost its at-Fighting among the pack was so com- mosphere it would become colder and men that he took no notice of the dis- colder on account of its inability to turbance. Next morning the cause of hold the heat received from the sun, the row was discovered. A poor Est and all animal and vegetable life would cease. This has already happened to the moon, its temperature stumbled over the heap of show near never rising above zero, though the the door. The pack sprang on her, and sun shines on it for two weeks at a

It is needless to say that even if this speed could be obtained by a cannor ball or other comparatively small body the friction with the air on its way would immediately burn it up, just as the shooting stars we see are burned up before reaching the earth. So if the visiting of the moon ever takes place it will have to be accomplished in a carriage with very thick sides and made of a material whose melting point is very high.-New York Tribune.

A POLISH WEDDING.

Fun and Profit Strangely Mingled In the Festivities.

A wedding among the Poles may certainly be said to hold its own among the more entertaining of marriage custonis. There fun and profit are strange ly mingled in the marriage festivities for the bride depends upon the wed ding festival for her dowry and rarely fails to get enough to enable her to begin housekeeping with comfort.

After the wedding feast a dance is This on loose, hard baked black cotton in order, and at that dance every man soil was no joke. I pushed my rifle on once in the evening at least claim the bride for a partner. The honor of daneing with her, however, is not to "Progress was slow, and I be obtained lightly. The aspirant must win the privilege and pay for it.

In one corner of the room the mother of the bride has taken up her position with a plate in her lap. The wise ly. It is made after the plan of an eating house coffee cup and could not justly be described as frail.

The gallant who wishes to dance with the bride-and, as has been said, all are in honor bound to do so-must pull out a piece of silver and throw it into the plate. Not until he has succeeded in breaking or chipping that almost invincible piece of crockery has he won the bonor he seeks. Few succeed in making an impression upon A remarkable instance of his gifts and the plate for less than a sum equal to

The money thus accumulated goes to the aid of his dog and two children he the bride and not unusually amounts to seventy-five or one hundred dollars of that year the brig Dispatch, on her even where the crowd is apparently as poor as it can well be. This sum in a rural district of Poland is enough to about three miles from Harvey's rest. Start the young couple fairly in house keeping.-Detroit Free Press.

An Unsafe Bird.

"How did the new parrot turn out?" "Oh, he's a fine talker, but I'm aw fully afraid I can't keep him." "Why not?

"He used to live in a medical college, and the students taught him a whole lot of professional terms. I was so mortified the other night. That rich Miss Morris was calling on us and somebody asked her to sing. You know what a voice she has! Well she sang a long French ballad for us and the instant she finished the last verse that dreadful bird screeched 'Chloroform her!' "-Cleveland Plain

Lack of Originality.

Says a Philadelphia physician; "The utter back of originality in the human mind years me. Even the insane are not original in their delusions and manias, but they can be divided into classes, and each class has its one lif tle uniform and unvarying set of aberrations. The Insane cannot be other than imitative and commonplace."

Diplomacy. "I can't get along with that cook." "But have you tried diplomacy, m

"I have. Today I handed the mins ner passports."-Washington Herald.

Evil often triumphs, but never con-Juers .- Roux.

A BROKEN ENGAGEMENT.

The Romance That Kept Charles Vil-

liers Single All His Life. Charles Villiers, long the "father of the house of commons," never married, but he was the hero of a ro mance which is described in the "Reminiscences and Correspondence of all his life.

Villiers was once on the eve of mar rying a very rich spinster. The lady however, was imprudent enough one day to say to her fiance that she knew very well he only wanted to marry her money and not herself.

Villiers' aristocratic dignity mani-

Strangely enough, the deserted spinster spent the next thirty years in trying in vain to see him to make up a chance of coming near him. him and cherishes his memory."

mance!" I exclaimed. "Tell the lady to lunch with me tomorrow." We were acquainted. "Charles Villiers is com-

Charles Villiers to call on her. He accepted the invitation. When we were alone together she said: "Do you is exactly the same in looks and man-

Of that, of course, I could have no opinion. But surely thirty years before the old Charles Villiers was nelther half bent nor half blind. However, the old time friendship was renewed and lasted until the lady's death a few years later.

fortunately he was then very rich in

STALKED BY VULTURES.

Followed the Man.

Anglo-Indian correspondent who has game shooting in India, "when I was one day stalking a black buck. by a very low, straggling and thinly growing hedge of small babul trees. to browse on and was therefore seldom motionless. I proceeded to do the hundred yards on the flat of my stomach, and distinguish himself must ahead. Then, wriggling past it until the muzzle was near my knee, I would pass

> and circling around until I had gone of whigs attracted my ears, and almost at the same moment a vulture har of on the en and not twenty yards birds. Then it flashed across me that I was being stalked! Doubtless these birds were attracted by my extraor dinary method of procedure and mistook me for a wounded or dying man making a final effort to reach some shady spot. This was especially possible, as the experience occurred in a wayside were not infrequent. By look ing up I had evidently shown myself vulture at twenty yards, but did not missed him. The thought of being very much alive and well was, to say the least, uncanny."-Pall Mall Ga-

A Promise.

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fested itself. He took his hat, bowed to the lady and said that after that remark there could be no more question of marriage between them. Off he went.

He never came near her or gave her do you know," remarked Lady Gilbert, who told me the story, "she still loves

"Oh, that is charming! Quite a re-

Lady Gilbert delivered my message. The two old people met at my hotel, after which the lady humbly asked know, Mme, Norikoff, he is not in the least altered after all these years. He

She left him the greatest part of her very great fortune. Charles Villiers became very rich in money, but un-

While a Man Trailed a Buck the Birds

"I met with a curious and not altogether pleasant experience," writes an done a good deal of large and small tween me and my quarry lay a large flat field of black cotton soil bordered My only way to get a shot was to cross this, keeping the bushiest tree between me and the buck, which had not much

"Progress was slow, and I was so absorbed that I failed to observe shad ows crossing and recrossing my path some fifty yords. Then the whirring awas I looked up. The air was alive with these repulsive looking famine district where deaths by the to the buck, for he was now off at full tilt. I therefore took pot shot at the allow for the sighting sufficiently and waited for by a flock of vultures while zette.

"When sis marries that lord will I "It will not be necessary for you to do so, but it will be very nice if you

"All right. Mebby I won't always do it, but I'll promise not to call her 'punkin' face' any more, anyhow."-

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